



## Entertainments.

## MASONIC BALL—1894.

A MASONIC BALL under the auspices of the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, will be held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 20th February.

BRETHREN desirous of INVITING GUESTS are requested to send the names of their friends to the Undersecretary.

The Subscription is limited to £10 for Masons, and \$5 for each GUEST INVITED (Non-Masons).

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS are now ready for signature at the HONGKONG HOTEL, VICTORIA HOTEL, RESTAURANT OF ENGLISH COFFEE & CO., MESSRS. FLEMING & HARRIS, MESSRS. KELLY & WALKER, MESSRS. LANE, OSWALD & CO., and at the MASONIC HALL, Zetland Street.

S. HANISCH,  
Hon. Secretary.

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## HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To be held on the RACE COURSE on SATURDAY, the 10th of March, 1894, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

- PROGRAMME.
1. 120 Yards Flat Race (Handicap).
  2. Throwing the Cricket Ball.
  3. Long Jump.
  4. Quarter mile (Handicap), Soldiers, Sailors, and Police.
  5. Bicycle Race, 1 mile (Scratch).
  6. High Jump.
  7. Ladies' Race, Half mile (Handicap).
  8. Veterans' Race.
  9. 100 Yards (Challenge Cup).
  10. Tag-of-War.
  11. Bicycle Race (150 yards, 10 flights).
  12. Quarter mile Flat Race.
  13. Mile Flat Race (Handicap), Soldiers, &c.
  14. Mile Flat Race.
  15. 220 Yards (Handicap).
  16. Consecration Race (120 yards).
  17. Steeplechase.
  18. Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap).
- Nos. 4, 5, 13, and 18 are open events. Entry forms can be obtained after the 10th of February, 1894, at the VICTORIA RESTAURANT, CHINESE BAY, ATHLETIC CLUB, HONGKONG DOCK, or of the undersigned, and must be sent in not later than February 25th, 1894.
- A. DENISON,  
Hon. Secretary.
- Hongkong, February 1, 1894. 236

## To-day's Advertisements.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

## CORPS ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING 17th FEBRUARY.

No. 55.—FOR DUTY.—Lieut. CHAPMAN and Sergeant Major DUNN.

No. 56.—TUESDAY, 5.30 p.m., Parade with 7-p.m. (Ponies) for inspection by Capt. McCALLUM. Uniform, Marching Order. WEDNESDAY, 9 p.m., and FRIDAY, 6.30 p.m., Squad and Carbine Drill. No Uniform.

F. FERRARD,  
Acting Commandant,  
R. K. V. Corps.

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## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
Tientsin,  
Captain H. von BINTER,  
will be despatched as above on  
TUESDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

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## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship  
Lycamore,  
Captain F. von BINTER,  
will be despatched for the  
above Port on TUESDAY, the 13th inst.,  
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

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## FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship  
Lycamore,  
Captain F. von BINTER,  
will be despatched for the  
above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th  
instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation  
for First and Second Class Passengers  
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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## THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

THE COMPANY'S S.S. *Onya* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Royal Dock & Wharves & Godown Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersecretary before Noon, on the 17th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 17th instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 o'clock p.m. To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.

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## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Agents.	Date of Loading.
Amoy and Tamsui.	Hailong (s).	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Feb. 12, at noon.
Haiphong.	Haiphong (s).	Messageries Maritimes.	Feb. 11, at 3 p.m.
Hankow and London.	Yenchow (s).	Shewan & Co.	About Feb. 25.
Amoy (s).	Amoy (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 16, at noon.
London & Port of Call.	Malwa (s).	Doddwell, Carrill & Co.	Feb. 13, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Telamon (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 16, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Yanchow (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	February 21.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Yanchow (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 12.
London and Hamburg.	Danish (s).	Doddwell, Carrill & Co.	About March 10.
Shanghai (s).	Shanghai (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 10.
London.	Formosa (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 17.
Manila.	Yanchow (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 12, at 4 p.m.
Messageries Maritimes.	Oceanic (s).	Messageries Maritimes.	Feb. 21, at noon.
New York.	Kailworth (s).	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Yenchow (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 14, daylight.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Yenchow (s).	City of Peking (s).	Feb. 23, daylight.
Shanghai.	Tuor (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 11, daylight.
Shanghai.	Rosetta (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 12.
Shanghai.	Taisang (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 13, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Yenchow (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Feb. 13, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Koba.	Marquis Basquehem (s).	Asst. Lloyd's S. N. Co.	About Feb. 16.
Shanghai, Koba & Yanchow.	Mike Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	About Feb. 18.
Singapore and London.	Kemura (s).	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Feb. 11, daylight.
Spore, Penang & Ota.	Catherine Apear (s).	D. Saasoon, Sons & Co.	Feb. 13, at noon.
Spore, Penang & Ota.	Agila (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Feb. 14, at 4 p.m.
Swatow.	Fokien (s).	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Feb. 11, daylight.
Vancouver (B.C.) &c.	Empress of India (s).	Union S. N. Co.	Feb. 21, at noon.
Yokohama and Koba.	Yokohama (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Feb. 27, at noon.
	Yokohama (s).	Siemssen & Co.	Feb. 14, at 4 p.m.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

## IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of  
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES  
AND  
CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES,  
Bankrupts.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a MEETING OF CREDITORS OF WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES and CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES will be held before the Registrar of the said Court, on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1894, at 12 of the clock at Noon precisely, for the purpose of declaring a Dividend.

Creditors who have not yet proved must do so on or before the said 23rd day of March, 1894.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1894.

ALFRED G. WISE,  
Registrar and Official Assignee.

ROTHEN MARK LODGE—No. 284.

Regular MEETING of the ROTHEN MARK LODGE will be held on MONDAY, the 13th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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## FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Lycamore*, Capt. F. von BINTER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Godowns.

Any Cargo impeding their discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th instant will be subject to rent.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

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## Dr. FENWICK'S FOOD.

## FOR NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

## ALSO FOR DYSPETICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them, and at the same time enrich the natural milk and increase the supply.

INFANTS fed on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In Two and sixpenny and One and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:

Dakin, Cruickshank & Co.,  
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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

February 9.—

Omego, British barque, 430, A. V. Brown, Callao December 5, Scrap Iron.—MAYN.

Chancha, British steamer, 1,463, J. E. Williams, Sydney January 18, Newcastle 10, Moreton Bay 21, Townsville 24, Cooktown 25, Thursday Island 27, Port Darwin 31, Coal, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

February 10.—

Lancaster, American steamer, 2,120, Capt. McCormick, Woonung Feb. 6.

Hailong, British s.s., 783, J. S. Roach, Swatow February 9, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.

Onya, British steamer, 1,970, Shaw, Singapore February 4, General.—ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.

Lycamore, German steamer, 1,632, F. von Binter, Hamburg and Singapore 3, General.—SIEMSEN & CO.

Dunthill, British steamer, 1,471, C. Mackenzie, Kutchinotzu February 5, Coal.—MIRZAN BURSAN KAHILA.

Wuotia, German steamer, 1,015, Ott, Saigon Feb. 5, Rice.—LAUREN & WAGNER.

## DEPARTURES.

February 10.—

Haiphong, for Haiphong.

Actie, for Haiphong.

Glennick, for Haiphong.

Memnon, for Kuda.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Daylight.—Fokien leaves for Swatow.

Daylight.—Yenchow leaves for Shanghai.

Daylight.—Kamun leaves for London.

3 p.m.—Haiphong leaves for Haiphong.

## Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Fokien* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

## MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

## Shipping.

Noon.—Hailong leaves for Amoy, &c.

4 p.m.—Yenchow leaves for Manila.

## Meetings.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.

## Miscellaneous.

9.30 a.m.—Re-opening of Bellona Public School for Girls.

## CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

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## A. S. WATSON &amp; Co. LIMITED.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

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The Canton Dispensary, Canton.

The Dispensary, Foochow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.

London Office, 8 Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.

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The publication of this issue commenced at 7.35 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1894.

THE Volunteering movement, as we have frequently said, has never 'caught on' to any great extent in this colony. Considering the number of potential amateur warriors in the European community, it might truly be said that the natives of England, Scotland and Ireland located in Hongkong have hitherto shown a callous indifference to the movement which might be regarded as making Hongkong conspicuous among all British colonies for its lack of patriotic spirit. But it would be unfair to attribute the absence of desire for volunteering here to the want of patriotic spirit. In a place so strongly garrisoned as Hongkong is now, a handful of volunteers do not count for much. Some people, comparing our small body of 'citizen soldiers' with the 'regulars' located in the colony, may possibly consider the former with a feeling of something very like commiseration—a feeling which is, of course, quite unjustifiable although, perhaps, not altogether unnatural. At home, and particularly in places where volunteers do not run the risk of such a comparison as a rule, the movement still continues to flourish. The spirit of volunteering is undoubtedly stronger in such places, and the public admiration for a body of volunteers is very much greater than it could possibly be in a place like Hongkong, where regularly-trained soldiers abound. Volunteers are not regarded as persons

who are merely 'playing at soldiers,' but as men of whom every one would be a hero if he had the chance to so distinguish himself. In some of the out-of-the-way districts in Scotland, for instance, we have no doubt, that the members of the local volunteer corps are supposed to be first-rate of a type as terrible as those who composed the band of brigands in 'Princess Rona.' As a proof that there is a strong popular feeling in favour of volunteering at home, a correspondent sends us a copy of a paper, published in an ancient little country town in the North of Scotland, containing an acknowledgement of certain subscriptions for a shooting competition which was to be indulged in by the local Artillery Volunteer Corps. The paragraph in which the acknowledgements are made shows how general the feeling referred to is in the community. Nearly all sorts and conditions of people combine in expressing their appreciation of the men whose motto is 'Defence, not Defence,' and who are prepared at any moment to lay down their lives for their country's sake. In token of this appreciation, the inhabitants of the old-fashioned town referred to appear to be in the habit of doing the best they can to encourage their amateur warriors. As prizes for an annual shooting competition the good townsfolk give all kinds of things. Those who have neither silver nor gold to bestow apparently have no reluctance to give of that which they possess. In the long list of prizes acknowledged by the Treasurer of the shooting committee we find that a certain clothier sends a piece of cloth sufficient to make a pair of unmentionables; a shoemaker contributes a pair of slippers, a butcher's patriotic zeal finds expression in 4 lbs. of beef, a grocer in the same weight of tea, and another grocer who, we suspect, must be a 'rank radical,' contributes himself with a 'cut-throat' razor, the callings of the various donors, the prizes given are remarkably appropriate. A barber sends a razor, a tin-smith (who is evidently a bit of a wag in his way) sends a milkpail, and a baker—who may be presumed by cynical people to be in league with the local medical practitioners—sends what is described as 'cocoa.' Another baker, whose motives might also be regarded as not altogether above suspicion, sends a bun, and a tailor sends a curio which the shooting committee have apparently been able to identify as a weed stick. It ought to be mentioned that the number of cakes which appear in the prize-list might suggest to those not acquainted with the real circumstances of the case that the townspeople had entered into a conspiracy to destroy temporarily the health of the Volunteer Corps and their relatives, but we do not for a moment believe that there was any such base design. The gentleman in the butchering business who supplied two sheep's heads may be held to have acted in a spirit of true patriotism, and he had probably in his mind the excellent maxim that 'two heads are better than one.' Patriotic feeling may even be expressed by means of a pot of jam, a stone of oatmeal, four coaves, a pair of braces or a couple of rabbits; but when a gentleman sends a prize consisting of two bushels of potatoes, to be presented to a volunteer for excellence in shooting, there can be no question either about his honesty of purpose or his love of country. The presentation of such prizes as these must be an interesting exhibition. We do not know whether the gentleman who becomes the fortunate possessor of such a trophy as two bushels of potatoes is supposed to 'lump' the lot away in presence of the elite of the town, nor whether the winner of the milkpail has to receive his somewhat embarrassing prize from the fair hands of the lady who leads local Society. In such cases we should think that both gentlemen would endeavour to remember that they had another engagement at the exact time that the ceremony was to take place, and would desire that the potatoes and the milkpail should be left till called for. Even the duty of jam man might find some difficulty in accepting his prize with the requisite degree of grace, and as for the man who got 6 lbs. of roast beef, and he of the four leaves, gracefulness would naturally be entirely out of the question. In spite of all this, however, there can be no doubt that the donors of these gifts meant well, and we would commend their patriotism, not to say their generosity, to the Hongkong community with respect to the Hongkong Volunteers. If prizes such as the above were to be given here, a good deal would be made out of the presentation ceremony by charging for admission, for it would undoubtedly be the most interesting and amusing show the colony has had an opportunity of seeing for a long time.

## TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

(Via Southern Line.)

## THE FRENCH PRESS ON THE RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY.

London, Feb. 8, 1894.

The French Press is uneasy over the ratification of the Russo-German Commercial Treaty which is regarded as the beginning of a rapprochement fraught with danger.

## PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

The Bill, after numerous amendments, has passed the third reading in the House of Lords.

## NAVY ESTIMATES.

Mr. Edmund Robertson, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at Dundee, stated that the Government intended to extend the naval programme of its predecessors, and the though foreign nations were building more ships than Great Britain the new estimates would show there was no intention on the part of the

Government to forfeit her relative position as regards other countries. The estimates, though only providing for this year's requirements, form part of a detailed programme which is at present kept secret, in order to keep the information from other Powers.

## BRITISH NORTH BORNEO COMPANY.

London, Feb. 8, 1894.

At a meeting of the British North Borneo Company, Rajah Brooke's proposal for acquiring the Company's rights in North Borneo was declined, but the Directors were empowered to offer him the post of Governor-General.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Wenington*, Hall, Dec. 15; *Norwood*, Jan. 2; *Fogla*, 9; *Japan*, 12; *Kara*, Queen Adelaide, Dec. 11; *Myrion*, Patnam, 19; *Bayern*, Baidler, 23.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Folke*, Hankow, Jan. 9; *Benick*, Raderhorst, 16; *Mendota*, Salazar, Ulysses, Ochoy, 19; *Falmes*, Vladobona, 23.

The F. & O. s. *Rosetta*, with the *Ernest* Mail of Jan. 13, left Singapore on Monday, February 6, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, February 11, at 6 p.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Dec. 7.

The P. M. s. *City of Peking*, with the *American* Mail of January 13, left Yokohama on Saturday, Feb. 10, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, Feb. 15.

The N. P. steamer *Tacoma* left Yokohama for Hongkong, via ports, on Feb. 7.

The P. M. s. *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on Jan. 18.

The P. M. s. *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on Jan. 30.

The O. P. R. s. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Hongkong on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The N. P. s. *Mogul* left Victoria, B.C., for Japan and Hongkong on Feb. 7.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. *Marquis Basquehem* left Singapore for this port on Feb. 7, and may be expected here on or about Feb. 14.

UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, FEB. 11th, 11 A.M.

Hymns, 3, 263, 352; Anthem, 17; Psalm, 138.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—SUNDAY, FEB. 11th.

10.30.—Hymns, 646, 317, 880, 436.

6 p.m.—Hymns, 143, 611, 778, 962; Psalm, LVII-LVII

## FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That most people are now asking in terrible earnest whether there is a silver lining within the darkest cloud.

That many residents of the Far East, imagined, with some show of reason, that silver had found bottom long since, and are now bewildered at the depth of depression of which the white metal seems to be capable.

That folks at home are now beginning to realize the danger, are waking up to the necessity of doing something to rehabilitate silver, and are acknowledging that an international agreement to that end is the only means of saving the trade of Great Britain with silver-using countries.

That, as silver must be used in that trade, it will be to England's advantage in the end to encourage its use, in connection with gold, for carrying on that trade, irrespective of the part which silver must play in the administration of our Indian Empire.

That there can be little question now as to whether the Indian experiment to bolster up silver has been a failure.

That no single-headed patching-up of a serious matter like that of the Silver question was ever expected to succeed.

That the failure has, therefore, been looked for, though its completeness was perhaps a surprise.

That it was a silver-ware maker in Hongkong who adopted the old refrain, "Exchange no more low, that piece of silver thing 'long make more dear."

That such reasoning was, of course, too transparently false to take in anybody.

That another version was more ingenious, namely, that "silver piece thing all same price; only gold more dear."

That John Chinaman may be left with safety to invent and act upon the most convenient explanations of the silver problem.

That the figures of the Military Contribution at 2 1/4, will not look well for the Colony, and those for the Loan cannot assume a very healthy aspect for the Colonial Exchequer.

That the Military Mule ought to have been fixed at first, otherwise the loss should be equally divided between the payer and the payee.

That the use of cheap postage and telegrams has been doing a handsome trade for the telegraph company in China of the joint telegraph companies.

That Mr. Henkle, Heaton, M.P., seems to import more of the personal element into his letter than did Mr. Plevin, if I remember rightly the epistle now referred to by the M.P.

That the calculation made, to show that cheaper telegrams would bring in more money, is say enough, as much as one shilling per word will bring in as much as 1000 words at two shillings.

That while there can be no doubt cheap postage and cheap telegrams are necessary to an extensive commercial nation, it is not surprising that investors who seek the telegraphic business desire to see either a reasonable prospect of getting the 2000 shilling words instead of the 1000 two-shilling words before they reduce their rates, or receive a guaranteed profit.

That if the lines were to be taken over by Government, then the question assumes quite a different aspect altogether; but the "fair price" at which the Cable Companies are to be bought out would present considerable difficulty.

That Dr. Cantlie is always interesting, generally witty, and invariably instructive when he lectures on a subject on which he is well posted.

That he is known at home as one of the fastest public speakers, and attempts to take down his words verbatim among the athletes at-reporting for which no prize has yet been awarded.

That the worthy Doctor's advice, in his last lecture on Athletics, is advisable in nearly every particular.

That the main difficulty in following it—a difficulty which is frequently observable—is, that one must be a millionaire, or at least a gentleman of independent means and with no responsibilities.

That most of us have to obey the old rule, "what thy hand findeth to do, do with all thy might, and this duty, I should say, will stand in the way of much of the excellent advice given in the lecture referred to.

That the minimum of 6 1/2 miles a day walking must, I am afraid, be ranked amongst the unattainable things in the Far East.

That most people would say, if they were to the habit of getting out of breath by climbing uphill or walking upstairs, would be to take a chair up the hill and to live in a bungalow.

That it would be a pleasant change to hold a meeting at night, at a convenient hour, and go in for five or six miles of supper (or jam-tarts), except for the exigencies of duty and workaday mulling and toiling.

That training for a Regatta is to be done also at night, and I suppose the office world is that case have to be got through after dinner.

That, of course, the attainment of the ideal of a healthy body is well worthy of an effort, even if the good Doctor's advice seems more than a little ideal in the practical—more of the theoretical and less of the attainable than could be wished in these dollar-grinding and hard-working days of ours in the Far East.

That, speaking of sports, the meeting at East Point on China New Year's Day was everything that could be wished.

That for a small body like the East Point Club the gathering was a marvel of success.

That the sports were well contested, the prizes were handsome, and the weather was favourable up to the last.

That the necessities to the sports—a mess—shooting gallery, furnished amusement and healthy fun to the large gathering of visitors; and the cause of charity was not forgotten.

That the promoters of this gathering are to be congratulated upon a most successful new departure.

That the remarks of the President (Mr. Kewick) upon the subject of Athletics at East Point, and the best way to dodge the alleged unhealthiness of Hongkong, were of a most practical nature, and were cheered to the echo.

That the usual protest has appeared against the cracker-dinner of the Chinese at their New Year festival.

That the pernicious co-mingling of the Chinese houses with the European dwellings and offices accentuates the nuisance.

That there seems to be no sufficient reason why the Chinese should be permitted to make night binges, whatever they may be allowed to do in the daytime.

That the fatality at the cracker-shop in Queen's Road West took place in broad daylight, and must be put down as an exceptional accident.

That the heroic behaviour of Sergeant Withall, of the Police, cannot be too strongly praised, as he unquestionably ran a much greater risk of his life than many persons who have received the Thomas Society's medals.

That this officer was most active in his exertions to recover the bodies in the recent landslide, and I understand his record is a good one, and that he has served for a long period in the Force.

That I am pestered with chits, suggesting somebody should make more overalls to the roads, and to employ a few coolies as crossing sweepers along the main thoroughfares, when the streets are indeed deep in mud.

That yet another novelty is in preparation for the delectation of the Hongkong community.

That the magnificent success of the living waxwork exhibition has induced certain residents to follow the Hansens example, and a living game of chess is now projected.

That the entertainment will probably be given about the fourth week of March, and judging from the energy, ability, and artistic taste of the ladies and gentlemen who have taken up this novel idea, a pretty show and a successful gathering is a certainty.

## BROWNIE.

## TRAINING NOTES.

With only twelve days to the Races, trainers this morning were naturally particularly anxious as to the doings of their charges. The weather looked threatening at the commencement, but later on old Sol's heat's been after all, little difficulty in disposing of their opponents. Mr. H. G. Deane put out the Simoes Prince, and Mr. C. T. Robinson was never in any danger from Mr. F. Kow. An exhibition space was provided for the horses, and the heavy going, made any sensational times out of the question.

Boys opened the hall by going a 1 1/2 mile gallop, and finishing strong in 38 1/4, 1.51, 2.27, 2.09, 3.30. As the crack is still a little beefy, his performance is very satisfactory.

Princess, who is improving rapidly, was sent 1 1/2 mile alone in 37, 1.16, 1.53, 2.34, 3.02. I liked the way this pony came his last quarter, which he knocked off in 32 sec.

Merrythought (Mr. Hoogh) went a steady mile, finishing off of running-time, 41, 1.53, 2.26, 3.02.

Yarrow, steered by the same pilot, covered 1 1/2 mile in 40, 1.17, 1.55, 2.32, 3.03. The old pony, who evidently recognized the fact that his jockey was up and was galloping in beautiful form, tried to prolong his career by another once round, but was stopped most against his will, before he reached the Black Rock.

Tynkeper (Boy) was sent 1 1/2 mile, finishing off in 41, 1.16, 1.53, 2.34, 3.02. He was very good, but the early part of the gallop was a little slow, and he was slow, he only being called on to exert himself when joined by his stable companion—full time 4 min. last 3/4, 37, 1.24, 1.46.

Old Oaks (Captain Hunt) and The Ship (Boy) went together over the German Cup course and finished in very fair form—time, 38 1/4, 1.14, 2.35, 3.11.

Lightning and Centurion galloped a mile, the Shanghai crack coming clean away from the sub. and the quarter-mile post, in 38, 1.13, 1.44, 2.30. I shall be very much surprised if the Derby winner of 1892 secures a winning bracket at the forthcoming meeting, unless his experienced trainer knows some royal road to revolutionize his style of going.

Herc, accompanied by Nero, was sent the Derby distance, having joined them at the 1/2 post. To the surprise of the "men at the rails," the good-looking little fellow went the straight, and finished strongly, several lengths ahead; the Derby pony, who appears to require a lot more work, somewhat disappointing his supporters—time, 37, 1.15, 1.50, 2.27, 3.04, 3.47. This makes the sub's time 3.10 for the mile.

Proctor, who started some distance behind Hec at the 1/2 mile post, caught him up and finished with him in 3.58; this is evidently Derby form.

Black Feet galloped, ridden by boys, a mile together in 40, 1.16, 1.52, 2.30, the former perhaps having a little the best of it at the finish.

Lancaster (Mr. Hoogh) went alone for 1 1/2 mile in 37 1/4, 1.14, 1.51, 2.25, 3.02. The other two, Hec and Nero, were sent the same distance, the Gymkhana pony pulling over Capt. Hunt's mount and finishing well in 35, 1.12, 1.51, 2.31, 3.10.

Edie, ridden by Mr. Master, galloped a mile alone in 36, 1.15, 1.47, 2.30. Black Feet galloped, but I missed his time; he was not moving in anything like his last year's form.

Boatman (Mr. Maclean) and Catterthun (Schumann) went the mile course, the handsome chestnut making a very good race, the grey and finishing strongly in 36, 1.12, 1.52, 2.30.

Unconquered, Mr. Taylor up, also covered the same distance. I hear the time was 36, 1.12, 1.48, 2.31; if this is correct it is very good.

Deacon (Mr. Hart Buck) and Farist (Mouse) were sent together over the Derby course, the old-fashioned-looking cream sticking to the Amoy Champion all the way in the most dogged manner—time, 37, 1.14, 1.47, 2.35, 3.11, 3.33.

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